the last 3 years for tyre and non tyre indu stry has been as under:

(Figures in tons)

Year	Natural Rubber			Synthetic Rubber		
	Tyre Sector	Non-Tyre Sector	Total	Tyre Sector	Non-Tyre Sector	Total
1982-83	105550	89995	195545	30462	19138	49600
1983-84	114447	95033	209480	34766	20259	55025
1984-85	113944	103566	217510	36224	22071	58295

(b) The international price both for natural as well as synthetic rubber is lower then the indigenous price and as such indigenous manufacturers are getting higher price than their foreign counterparts.

Winding up sick public sector undertaking

2717. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wiad up 3 public sector undertaknigs;

(b) if so, whether the projects are the Engineering Projects India Limited, Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited and Cycle Corporation of India Limited;

(c) if so, whether Government have drawn up plans for alternative measures like amalgamation or merger or outright takeover by private sector companies;

(d) if so, the main reasons thereof; and

(e) what are the alternative plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to part(a) above, do not arise.

COMMISSION ON PETROL, DIESEL AND LUBE OIL

2718. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA: SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand by the All India Petrol Dealers' Association for more commission on petrol, Diesel and Lube Oil;

(b) what was the dealers' commission on Lube Oil in terms of percentage to cost of product in 1975 and what is the commission now;

(c) whether there is a demand by the dealers to charge for air provided to vehicles as the cost of maintenance of compressors and electricity charges have become quite steep; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of providing relief to the Petrol dealers in any manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing dealers' commission on lube oil works out to about 10 percent of the cost while before 1975 the dealer was permitted to charge upto 20 per cent of the cost as commission.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal at present for a revision in the dealers' commission.

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN MADRAS CITY

2719. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new additional telephone connections are being proposed to be added to the existing exchanges in Madras city in the near future;

(b) what are the names of the Exchanges, and the number of lines proposed to be added; and

(c) whether any electronic digital exchanges are being planned in Madras city in the near future and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 15,100 lines.

(b) Adyar-2000 lines

Poonamalee1-00 lines

Kellys-3000-lines

Flower Bazar-9000 lines

Madhavaram-1000 lines

(c) Electronic digital exchanges proposed in the near future as follows:—

1. Flower Bazaar-9000-lines

2. Madhavaram-1000-lines

Expansion Plan of Telephone in Tamil Nadu

2720. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the expansion plans in each of the telephone Districts in Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) how much funds have been allotted for the same District-wise; and

(c) by when the applications pending presently for new telephone connections in each telephone District are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Expansion plans in the three telephone districts in Tamil Nadu are as follows:—

Name of Telephone District	Present capacity	Planned capacity at the end of 7th Plan	Addition to capacity
Madras	1,12,250	1,72,700	60,450
Coimbatore	15,000	32,500	7,500
Madurai	14,700	18,000	3,300

(b) Funds are allotted year-wise depending on requirements. For 1985-86, allotment for the three districts is as follows:—

Madras	Rs. 19.58 Crores
Coimbatore	Rs. 2.75 Crores
Madurai	Rs. 2.00 Crores

(c) The present waiting list is proposed to be cleared progressively in the next three to four years.